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Joseph Sturge Esq #
New York, July 20/41

Esteemed Friends

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I did not get thy letter

until yesterday on account of my absence in the western
part of this state and am much obliged by the
kind trouble thou hast taken on my behalf.
I hope to be in Boston not later than
this day week and will thank thee to make
any appointment that may appear the most
convenient for our visiting a few friends of home
on any day the following or the next week. I
will take the upper Birth of the two in the
Steam boat subject to the condition specified and
please will pay on my arrival in Boston. Please
also if thou canst to get me the option of
taking the lower birth also until the 27th
as I may do so rather than have a disagreeable
companion. Very sincerely & respectfully
thy ally &c

Joseph Sturge

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